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URBAN DISTRICT OF HORNSEA

YEAR, 1956.

HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Hornsea.

Sir, or Madam,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1956.

The vital statistics shew a definite increase in the birth and death rates over the previous year. As in recent years the majority of the births have taken place in maternity units outside the district, only one quarter approximately occurring within the urban district. Apoplexy, coronary disease and other diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for over half the deaths, a natural sequence in a community comprising a high proportion of elderly retired persons.

The cases of notifiable infectious disease occurred exclusively among children and were attributable chiefly to a mild type of dysentery which was prevalent throughout the spring of the year.

Rainfall.

The rainfall for the year was 24.46 inches the average over the past 10 years being 22.80 inches. Rain fell on 187 days ; August was the wettest month with 5.00 inches, and April and May the driest each with amounts of 0.66 inches.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area 3292 acres inclusive of inland water.

Resident population as computed by the Registrar-General mid.1956	5440
No. of inhabited houses (based on I.R. Statistical Analysis)	1891
Rateable Value	£69,196.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£278.9.6.

	Total	M	F
Live Births	81	39	42
Legitimate	78	39	39
Illegitimate	3	-	3
Still Births (all legitimate)	3	1	2

Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population 14.9

	Total	M	F
Deaths	94	45	49

Deaths per 1000 estimated population	17.3
Deaths from puerperal causes	0
Deaths from cancer	16
Deaths from measles	0
Deaths from infants under 4 weeks of age	1
Deaths from whooping cough	0

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

No material change has been necessary in the operation of the health services during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

Water is purchased in bulk from the Hull Corporation and is distributed by the Council. The consumption during 1956 was 71,149,000 gallons, an amount which is equivalent to 36 gallons per head of population per day.

Drainage and Sewerage.

No extensions to the sewerage system have been carried out during the year, but it was necessary to strengthen the sewer outfall by driving additional piles to prevent serious damage in time of rough weather.

Public Cleansing.

The method of disposal of house refuse is by incineration, the material being collected by motor transport at intervals of about 8 days. It has been necessary to supplement the Karrier Gamecock vehicle during the summer months by using the highways vehicle to collect refuse from the holiday camping sites.

Baled paper and baled tins salvaged have been disposed of profitably there being a steady demand for this material.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

The Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Act, 1956, provides that Sanitary Inspectors shall in future be designated Public Health Inspectors.

On the 1st October, 1956, Mr. D.G. Relph commenced his duties as Assistant Surveyor and Additional Public Health Inspector, this appointment being necessary in view of the considerable increase in the amount of public health work recently.

	Inspections	No. in District
Bakehouses	11	7
Drainage Works	105	
Rats and Mice	175	
Shops	30	136
Dwellinghouses	136	
Water Supplies	12	
Food Premises	117	
Moveable Dwellings	232	

Camping Sites.

No. of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes 8
No. of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 7
Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer months 200

Estimated number of caravans, sheds, etc., which were used as permanent dwellings in the area 75

Some improvement from the standpoint of sanitation and amenities has been effected during the year, but on some of the sites much remains to be done before their condition can be considered satisfactory.

Housing.

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 80
(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose 136

(2) Number of dwellinghouses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 18

(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation 1

(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 17

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

No. of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 12

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 4
(2) No. of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-

(a) By owners 4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

(b) Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which demolition has been considered inexpedient because of effect on other houses 0

(c) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 1
(2) No. of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-

(a) By owners 1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

(d) Proceedings under Sections 11, 13 and 25 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 0
(2) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 0
(3) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Area 4

(e) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0
(2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit 0

Housing Act, 1936 Part 4 - Overcrowding.

(1) No. of dwellings overcrowded at end of year 0
(2) No. of persons dwelling therein 0

New Houses.

The Council have in course of erection two pairs of old people's bungalows, one on the Mereside and another in Desmond Avenue. Further progress has ceased for the time being the Council having been unsuccessful in acquiring voluntarily other sites.

No. of new houses erected between the end of the War to the end of 1956.

	Temporary	Permanent
(1) By Local Authority	15	294
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	156

Houses completed during the year.

	Prefabricated		Permanent
	Temporary	Permanent	
(1) By Local Authority	0	0	2
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	0	17

Houses in course of erection at the end of the year.

	Prefabricated		Permanent
	Temporary	Permanent	
(1) By Local Authority	0	0	2
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	0	27

Meat Inspection.

Three licensed slaughterhouses operate in the district ; two killing for local consumption, the other disposing of the whole of its output outside the district and accounting for the majority of the animals slaughtered. The inspection of the meat at the latter premises has involved a considerable amount of work and expense towards which a Government grant is under consideration.

Inspection was made of all animals reported as having been slaughtered for human consumption, a summary of which is given below :-

Animals	No. inspected	Whole carcasses condemned	Parts of carcasses condemned
Beasts	144	14	50
Calves	576	9	3
Pigs	11603	24	1287
Sheep	338	4	13

Food.

1. No. of food premises in the area :-

Bakehouses	6
Butchers	7
Cafes and restaurants	17
Fish shops, wet and fried	6
Grocers	24
Kiosks	6
Licensed premises	7
Sweets	9
Not otherwise classified	

2. (a) No. of food premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice cream, or the storage of ice cream intended for sale 28
The preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food intended for sale 0

(b) No. of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 2

3. No. of inspections of registered food premises 33

4. Lectures have been given to voluntary organisations when requested.

5. Condemned meat is stained with naphthalene green dye and all other condemned food is destroyed at the incinerator.

6. All premises registered for the sale of ice cream and all vehicles used for the sale of ice cream have been inspected to ensure that they conform with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52.

7. Visits were made to 71 food premises during the year to advise occupiers as to their responsibilities under the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955-56. Generally the premises were found to be satisfactory. In some instances, after informal approaches were made, work considered necessary was carried out.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year, 1956.

	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Dysentery	15	0	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Other diseases generally notifiable			
(a) Measles	4	0	0
(b) Whooping Cough	7	0	0
(c) Erysipelas	0	0	0

Vaccination and Immunisation against Diphtheria, 1956.

(a) No. of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year, 1956.

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION :	Under 1.	1 year.	2 to 4.	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
No. vaccinated	22	2	1	-	-	25
No. re-vaccinated	-	-	-	-	3	3

(b) No. of children at 31st December, 1956, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1942)

Age at 31.12.56. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1956	1 1955	2 1954	3 1953	4 1952	5 - 9 1947-1951	10-14 1942-1946	Total under 15.
No. immunised (whether primary or booster) :-								
1952-1956	5	31	42	39	36	262	192	607
1942-1951	-	-	-	-	-	124	213	337
Totals	5	31	42	39	36	386	405	944

(c) No. of children immunised during the year ended 31st December, 1956. (Figures also included in (b) above).

Under 5	5-14	Total	Boosters
38	-	38	80

No figures are available for the estimated mid.1956 population in the 0-14 years age group. This data is available for the whole County only.

Tuberculosis

At the end of the year there were 21 cases of tuberculosis, all pulmonary, on the register, of which 8 were males and 13 females. Four new cases were placed on the register and one death occurred.

All these cases are seen at regular intervals by the chest physician.

I am, Sir, or Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

L. FRENCH. B.Sc., M.B., B.S.

Medical Officer of Health.